

SC Envirothon Water Pledge

The South Carolina Envirothon, a high school environmental competition, began the "Watch Your Water" Campaign in February of 2008. There has been so much interest, that the Envirothon has expanded the program to incorporate anyone, not just its participants. Thank you for doing your part to protect our water! For more information about the Envirothon, go to

www.dnr.sc.gov/education/Envirothon

*I am aware that water is a renewable resource, but it may not always be available in the potable form we need for consumption. With increasing demands on our water supply due to enormous growth in the state, higher amounts of point and non-point source pollution, and continuing drought conditions,
I pledge to "Watch My Water".*

I believe that every effort to conserve water, no matter how small, has an impact on our environment, and that one person can make a difference. Together we can, and will, make a difference in protecting our surface and ground water supplies.

(Check which items you commit to doing)

I will:

Reduce my personal consumption of water by:

- ☐ *Taking a shorter shower, or a more shallow bath*
- ☐ *Turning off the water while brushing teeth*
- ☐ *Turning faucets off tight enough to prevent drips*
- ☐ *Fixing any leaking pipes at home*
- ☐ *Collecting rainwater in a barrel to water plants with*
- ☐ *Washing full loads of dishes and laundry, or set for smaller size loads*
- ☐ *Establishing a compost pile to reduce water use by garbage disposal*
- ☐ *Using compost as a soil amendment in the yard to reduce watering requirements*
- ☐ *Watering lawn once a week, one inch deep, or set sprinkler system accordingly*
- ☐ *Setting mower length higher*

Protect the water quality in my watershed by:

- ☐ *Making sure lawn fertilizers are applied according to package directions*
- ☐ *Using slow-release fertilizers*
- ☐ *Redirecting gutters so water drains into a pervious and/or vegetated area*
- ☐ *Addressing any vehicle leaks immediately by servicing the vehicle*
- ☐ *Washing my car on the lawn instead of the driveway*
- ☐ *Disposing of any vehicle related (oil, anti-freeze) or household products (paint) properly*
- ☐ *Making an effort to walk, ride a bike, or use some other form of transportation for short trips*

Conserve energy, and therefore water, by:

- ☐ *Using cold water for all rinsing of laundry, and warm for whites instead of hot*
- ☐ *Shutting off lights in rooms when not in use*
- ☐ *Replacing conventional light-bulbs with energy-efficient ones*

Signed, this _____ day of _____, 2008

Signature